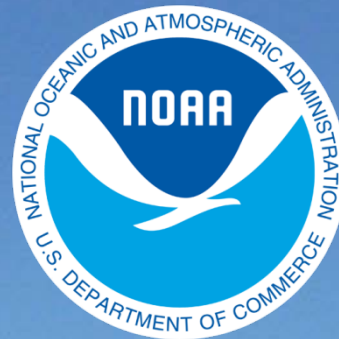


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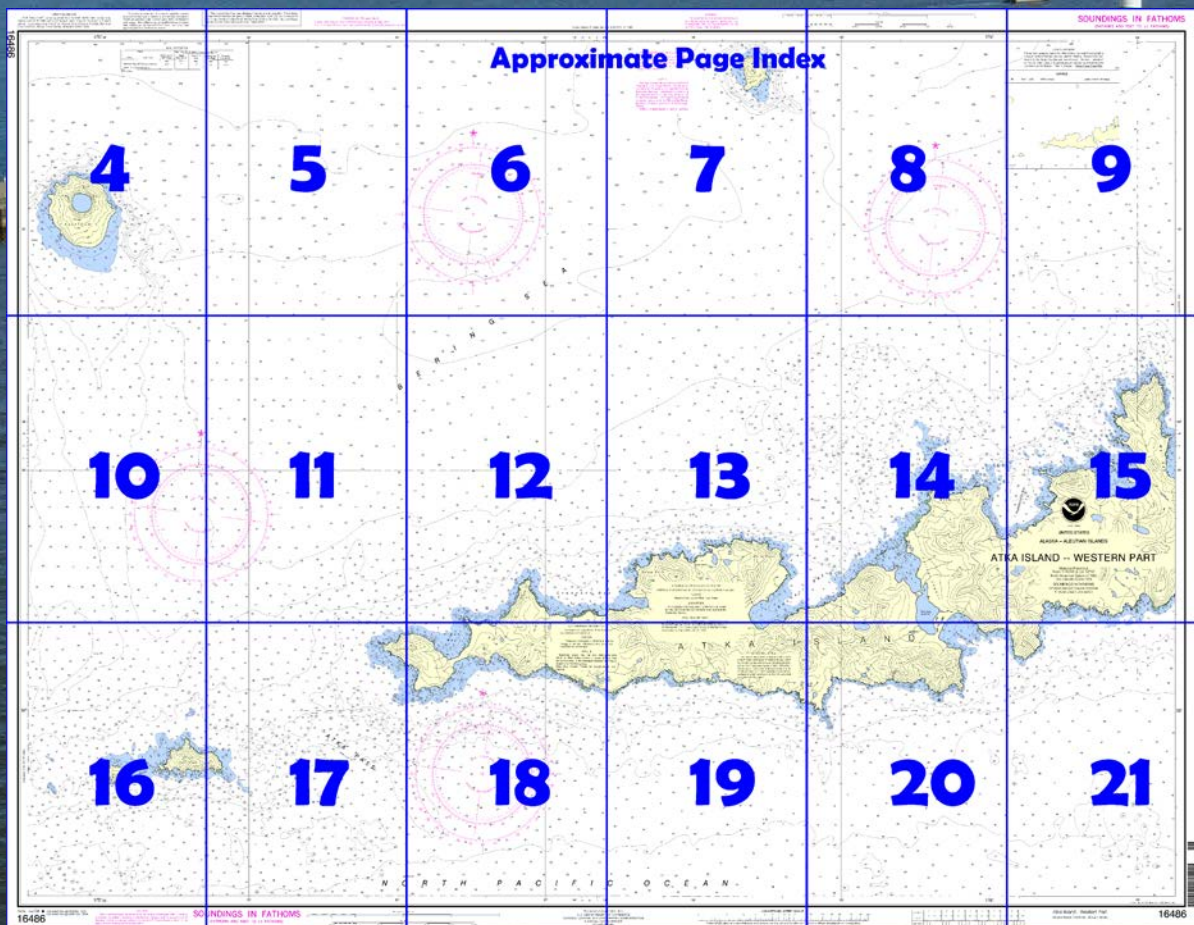


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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Kovurof Point is the most prominent point W of Salt Island along the N shore of Atka Island. It is a double point, both parts of which slope gradually to a common peak 1,320 feet high. This peak is quite prominent on the few days out of the summer when it can be seen. The E point is the more prominent of the two and makes out farther to the N. It is distinguished by four flat-topped pinnacles directly off the point. Two of these pinnacles blend in

together from certain directions and only three can be seen. The pinnacles identify this point.

Between Kovurof and Bechevin Points is a bight 1 mile in depth. Two

small inner bays open into this bight, Kovurof Bay and Podsopochni Bay. They are separated by a peak 1,225 feet high, which stands alone. The summit is a sloping ridge as seen from offshore; a sharp peak as seen from the E and W.

Kovurof Bay is suitable as a small-boat refuge. There are numerous islands and rocky islets at its entrance. The passage W of these islands into the head of the bay is free of all dangers, except close alongshore. Anchorage for small craft is available in 4 to 10 fathoms, sand bottom.

Podsopochni Bay, between Bechevin Point and **Podsopochni Point**, has a general depth greater than 10 fathoms and may be used as an emergency anchorage for small- and medium-sized craft in any but N weather. The bay is free of dangers to within 0.3 mile of the shore. Enter the bay midway between the small, grass-covered island, 40 feet high, off Podsopochni Point, and the kelp-marked 6-fathom shoal 0.7 mile NE of Bechevin Point.

Bechevin Point, 5 miles SW of Kovurof Point, is also a double point, with a small bight in the shoreline between. The bluffs at the ends of these points rise to about 250 feet and are brown in color, streaked with gulleys and studded with pinnacles. The E part of the point rises abruptly to a sharp peak of 710 feet; the W part rises to a head of 615 feet, and then drops to a saddle before rising to the 1,000-foot-ridge behind. N of the W part of Bechevin Point at a distance of 0.7 mile is a rocky 14-foot islet that is the most conspicuous and dangerous menace to navigation in this locality. Matted kelp and submerged reefs make out from the point and surround this rocky islet for some distance. Passage between the islet and the point should not be attempted, except by small craft; a low, flat reef which uncovers 2 feet is 400 yards off the point.

The deep bight between Bechevin Point and White Point contains two small inside bays. The bay to the E, **Portage Lagoon**, is marked by numerous bare, black, rocky islets at its entrance, and by a high, steep-sloped peak directly W of the entrance. This lagoon which extends from Bechevin Bay across Atka Island almost to the Pacific side of the island, when seen from the NW, appears as a low pass through Atka Island. Small boats can enter Portage Lagoon as heavy seas do not enter this lagoon because of the string of reefs and islets across the entrance that act as a breakwater. Passages between these reefs are narrow and dangerous, especially in heavy weather, and should not be attempted by strangers. One passage is between the southwesternmost reef and the W shoreline. Several kelp-covered reefs are in this passage. A second passage is E of the grass-topped islets and about midway in the line of reefs. This passage is about 50 yards wide and has covered rocks on both sides.

Bechevin Bay, when approached from the N, is identified by the aforementioned low pass or valley cutting through the mountainous coast of Atka Island to the Pacific. The rocky islet 0.7 mile off Bechevin Point helps to identify the bay. The SW side of the entrance to the bay is marked by a rugged hill with deeply eroded scars and slides. The base of the hill is fringed with whitish-gray rock along the shore. Bechevin Bay is about 4 miles long and 1 mile wide. It is fairly open and exposed. Strong, gusty winds drawing through the mountain passes are common. Large ships anchoring in the outer bay will find less wind in the lee of the prominent 1,510-foot hill just SW of Portage Lagoon. The survey ship frequently anchored 0.5 mile off the shore under this hill in 20 fathoms, with the N tangent of the hill bearing **090°** and the low, grassy headland on the N side of the entrance to the inner bay bearing **250°**.

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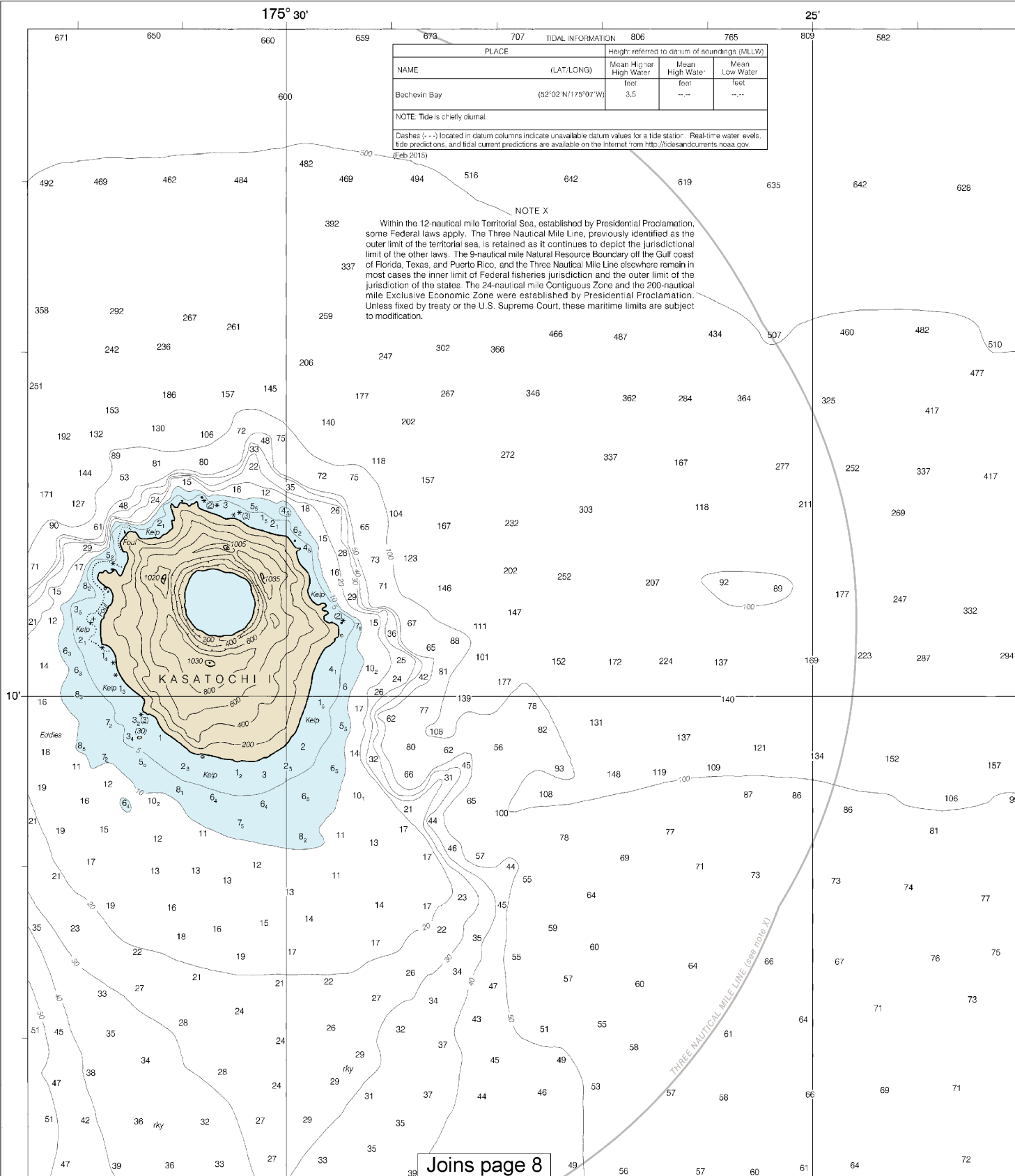
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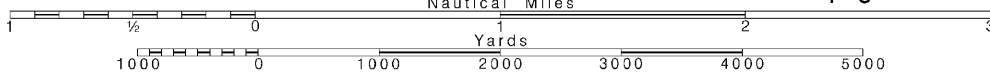
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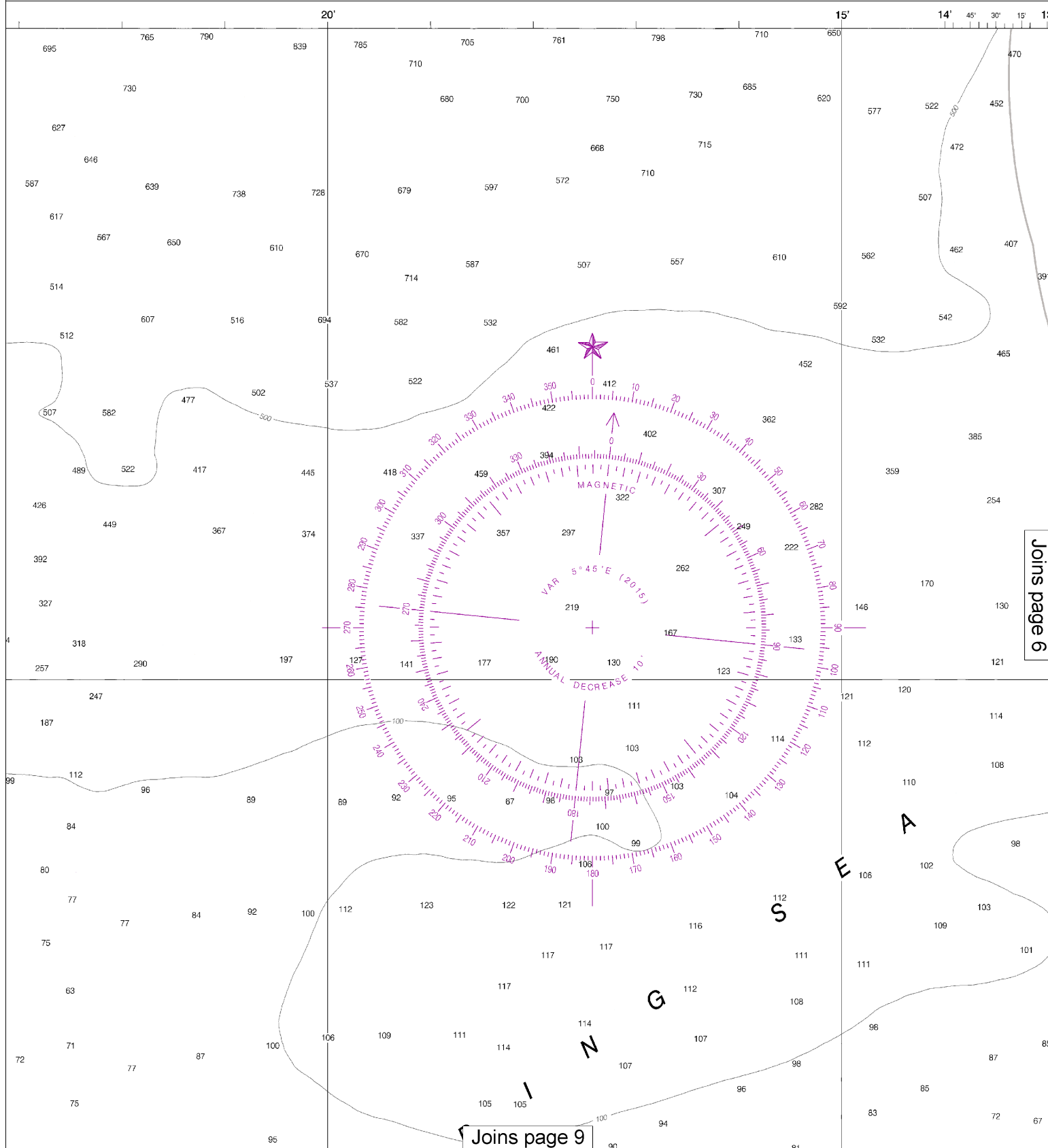
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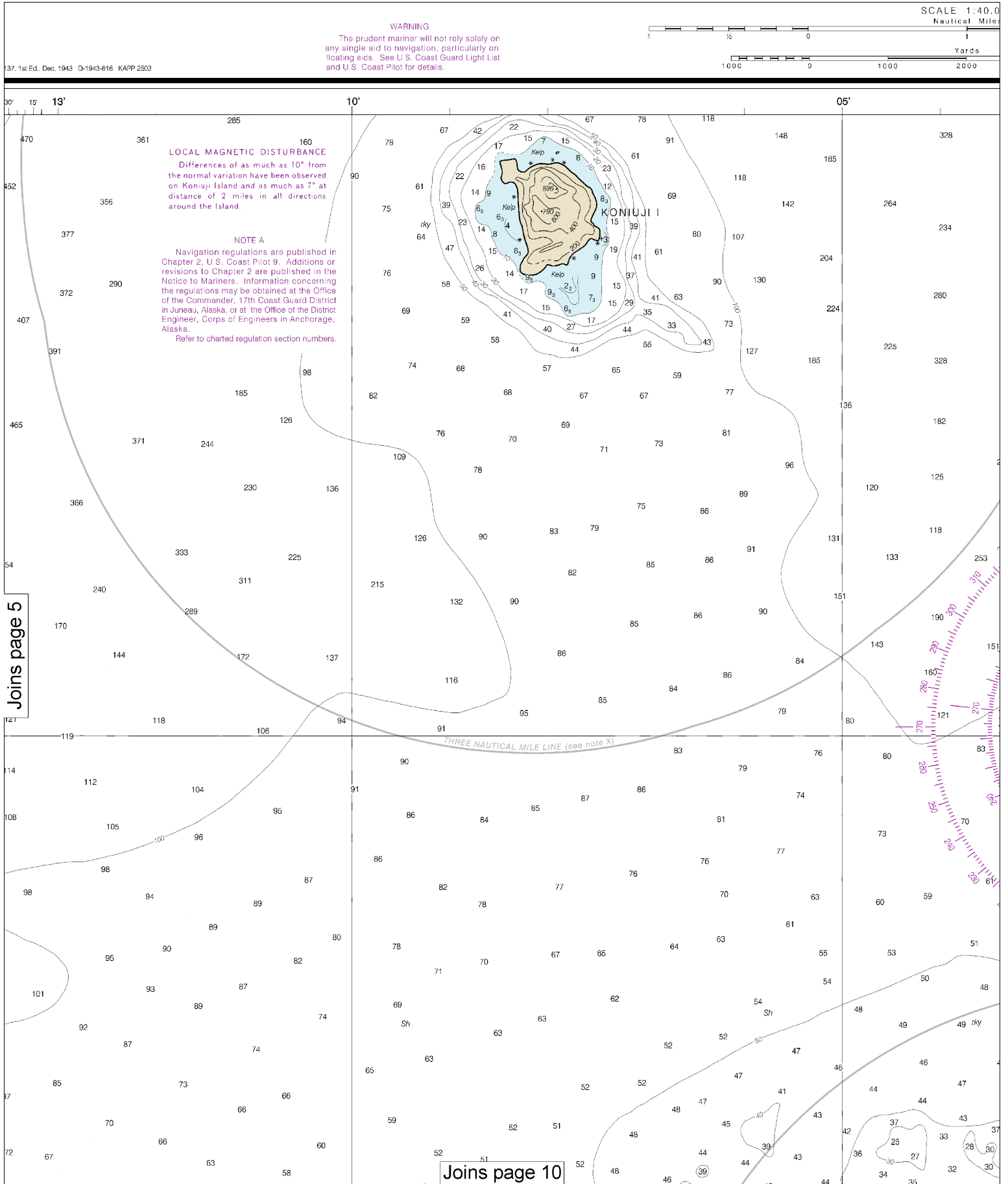
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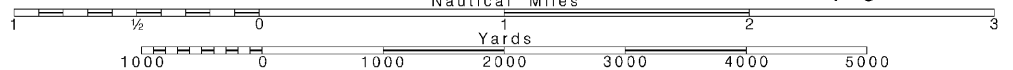
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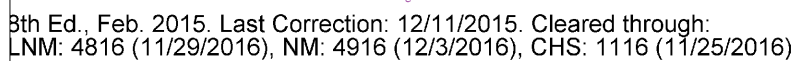
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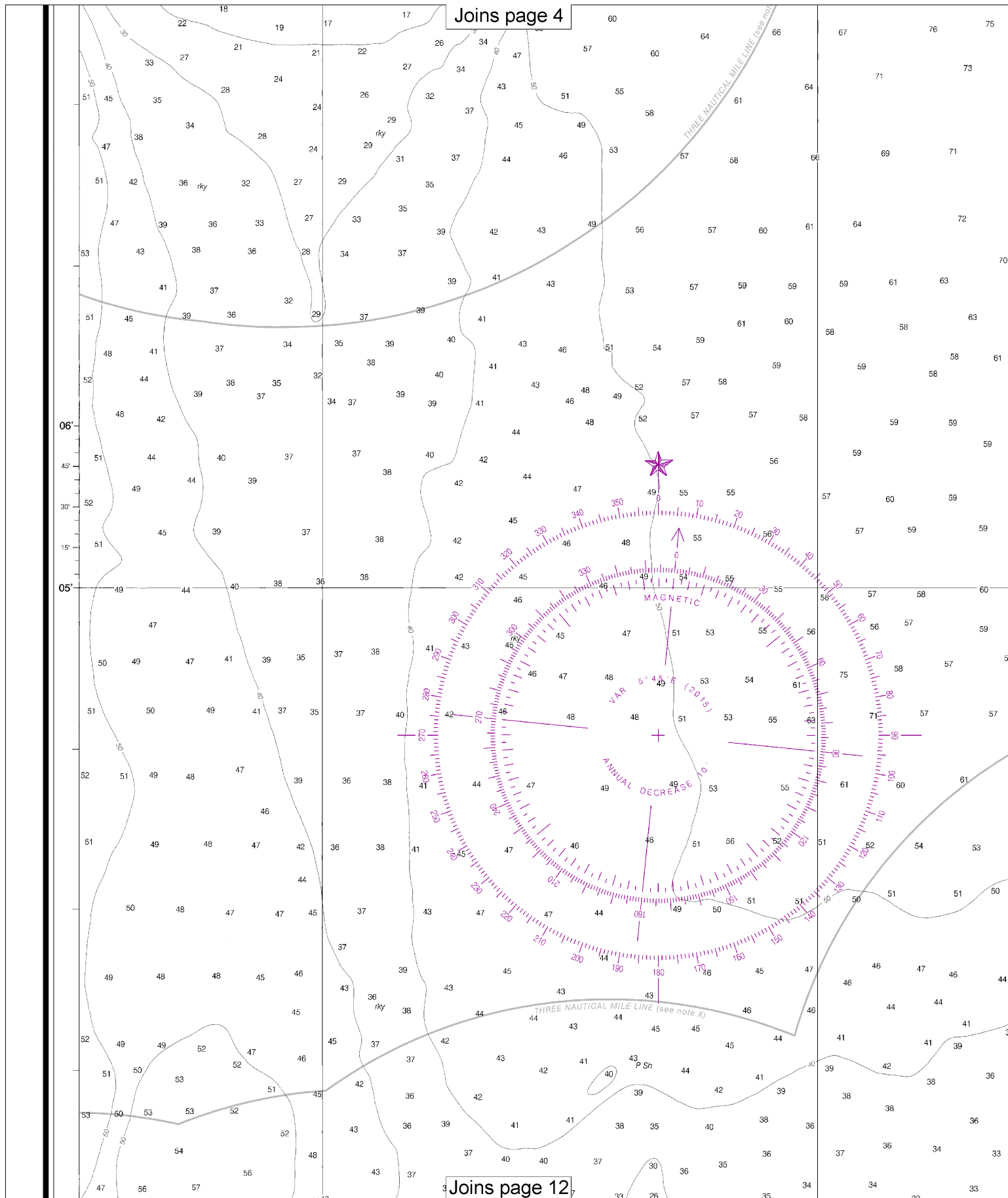
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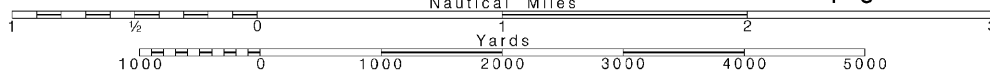
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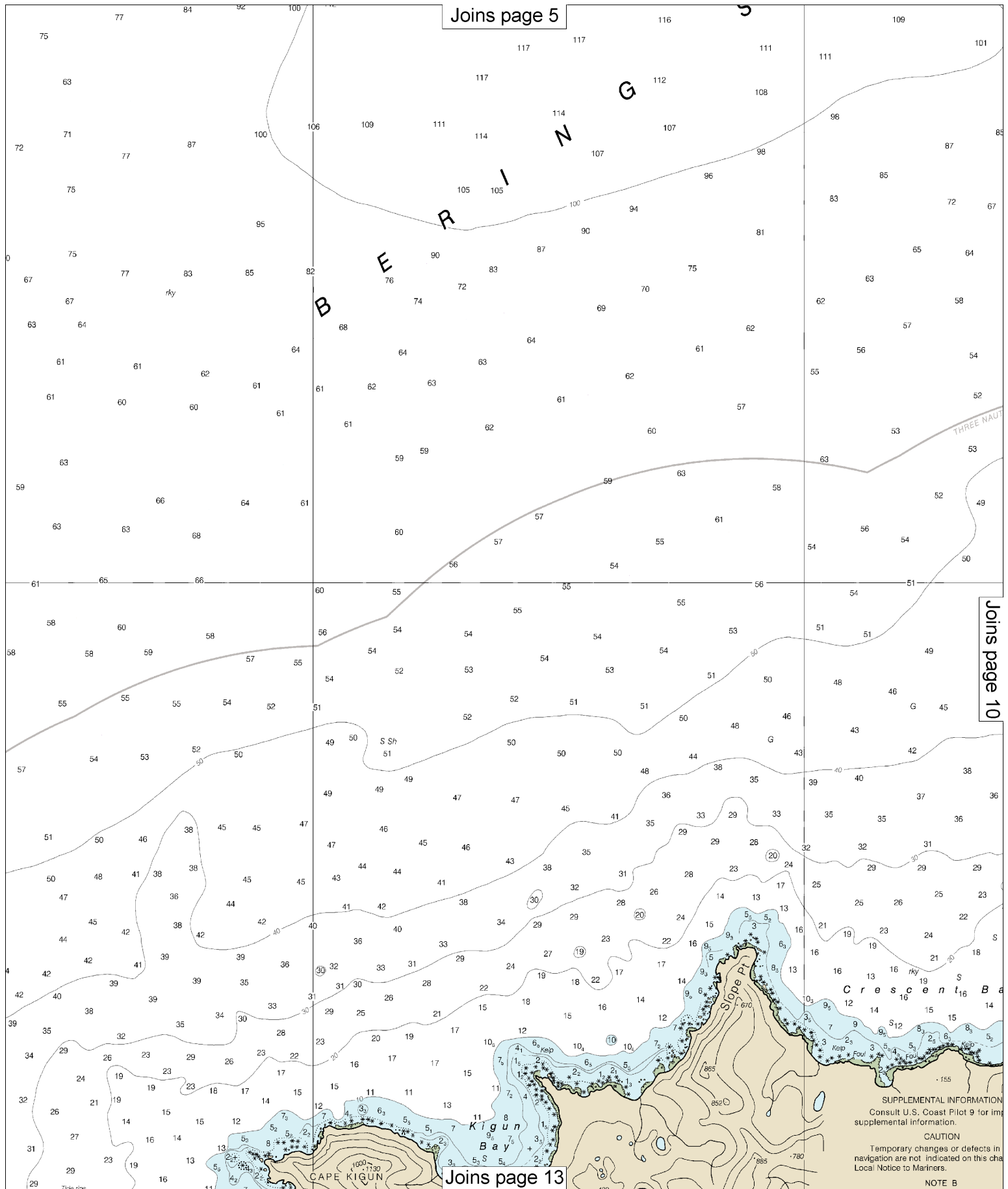
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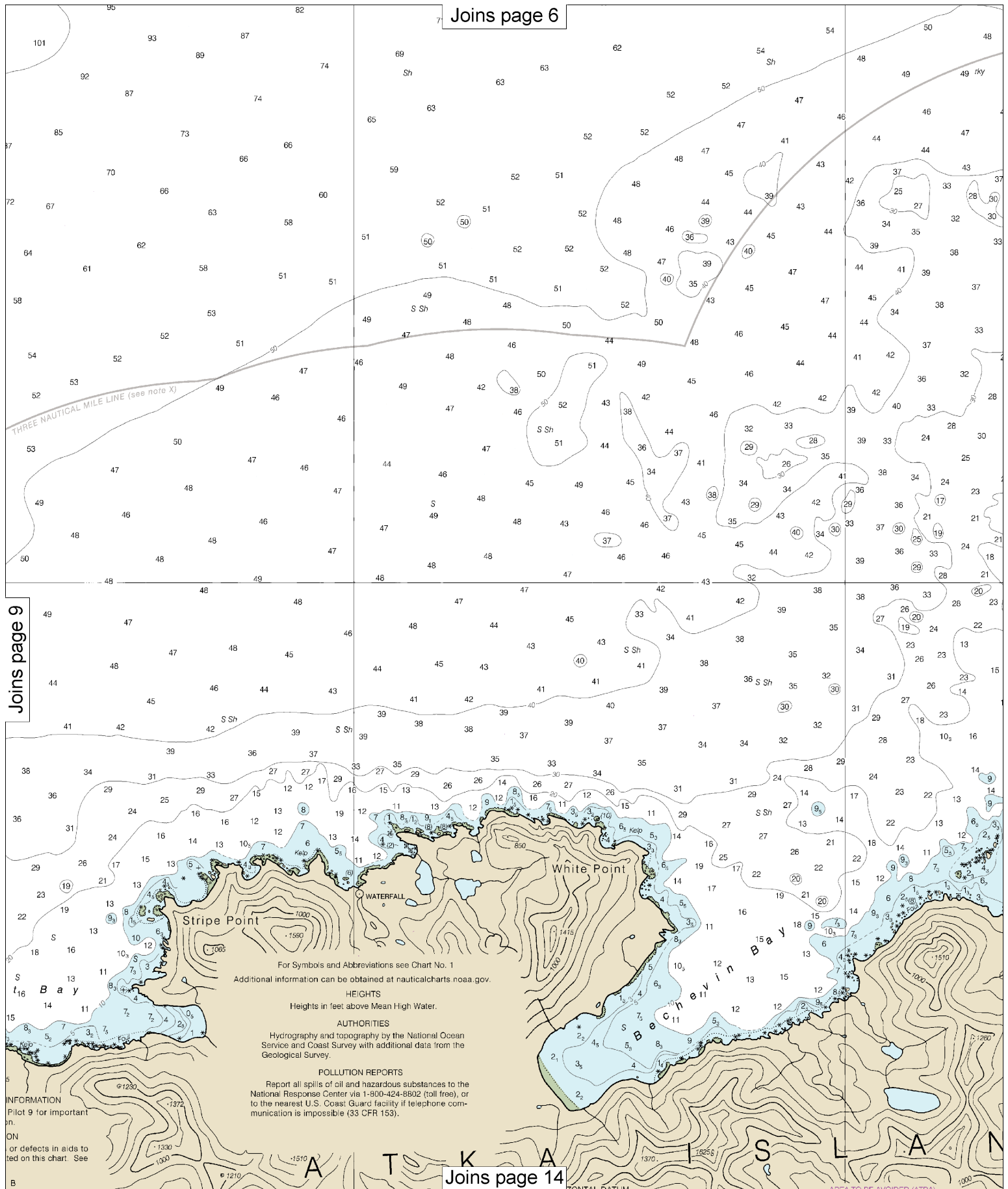
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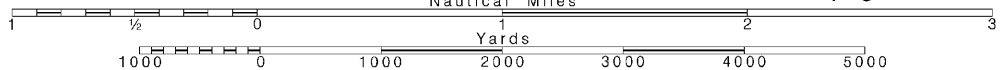
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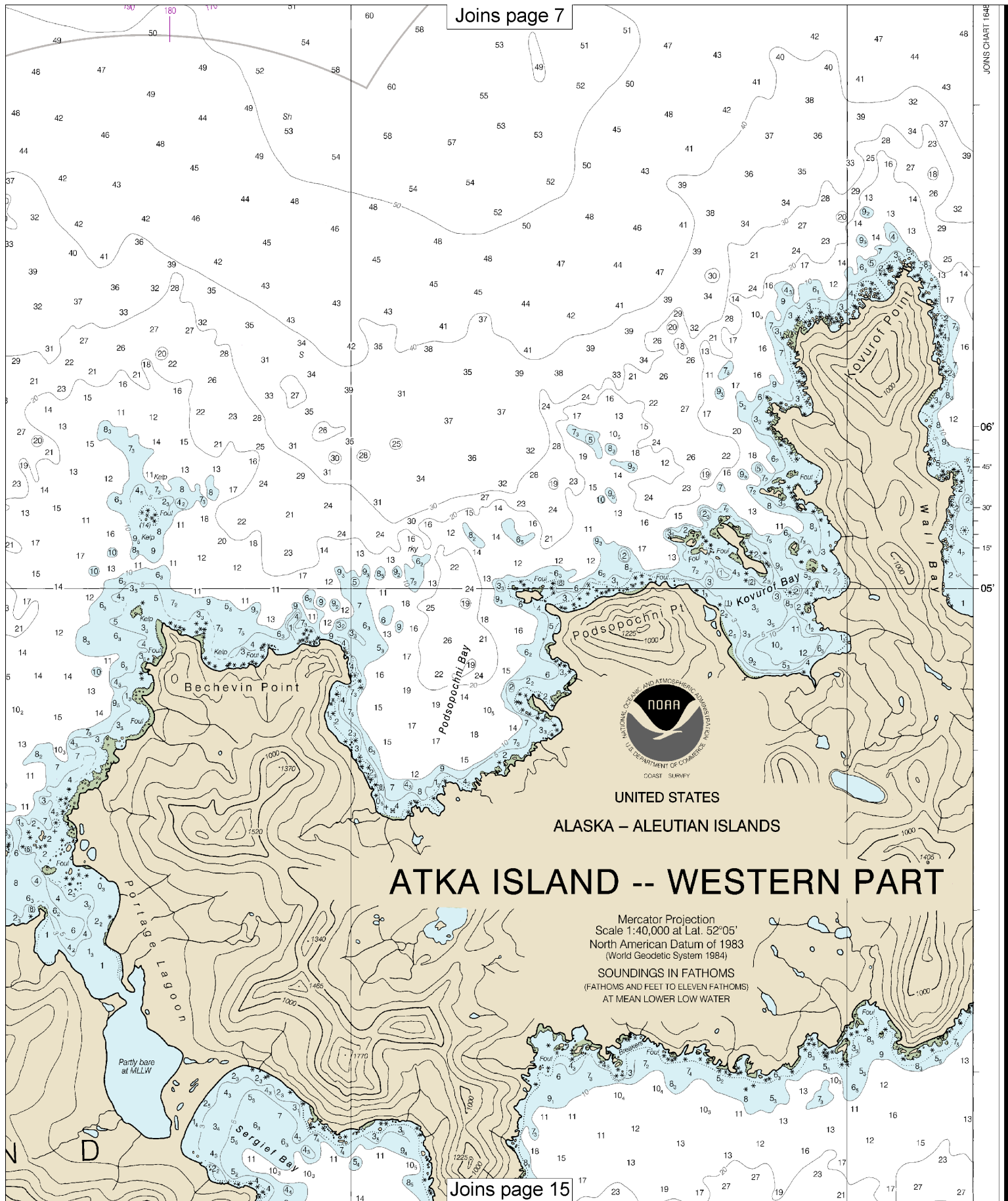
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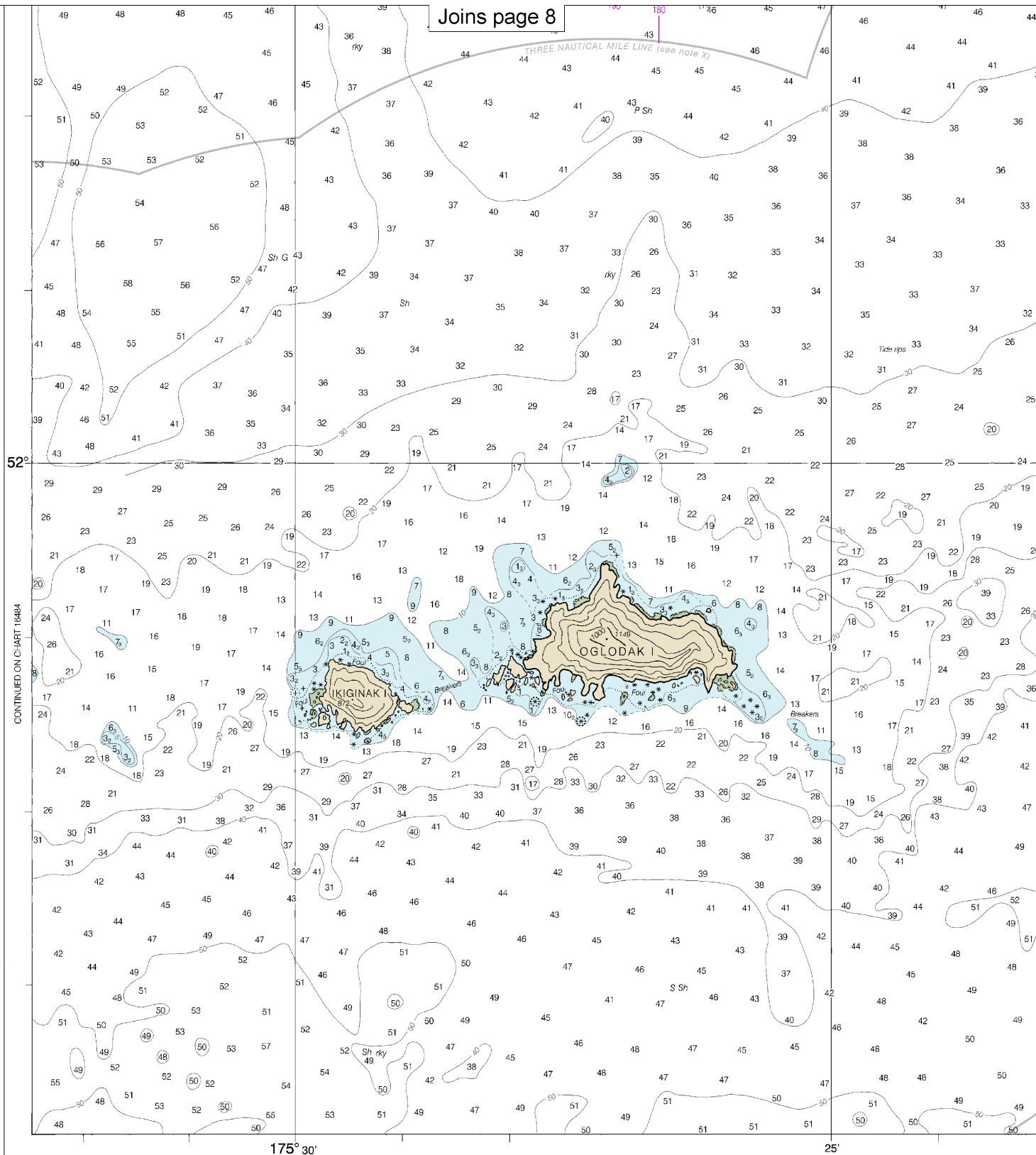
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(FATHOMS AND FEET TO 11 FATHOMS)

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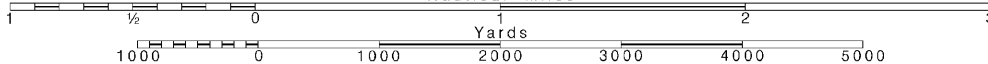
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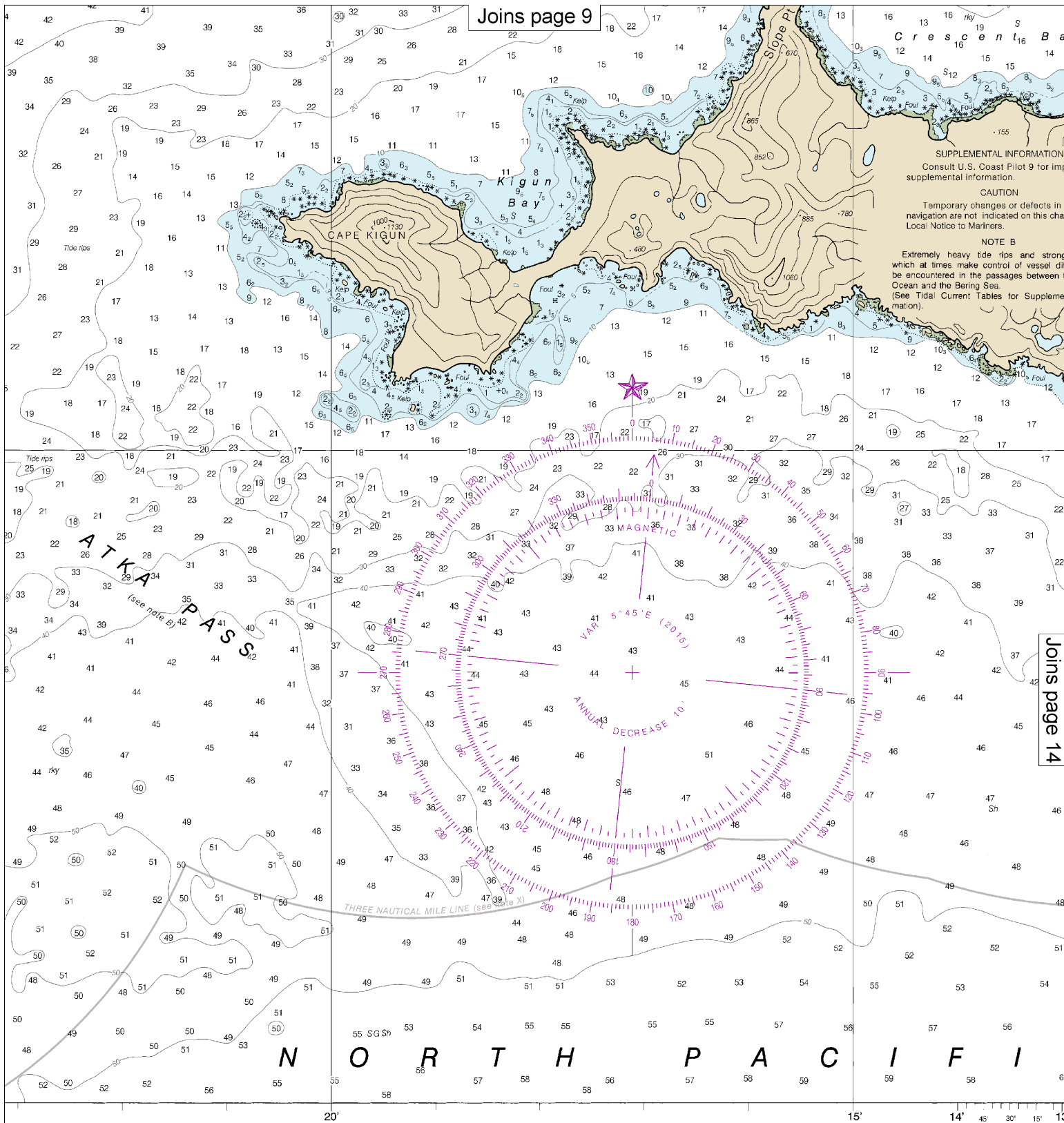
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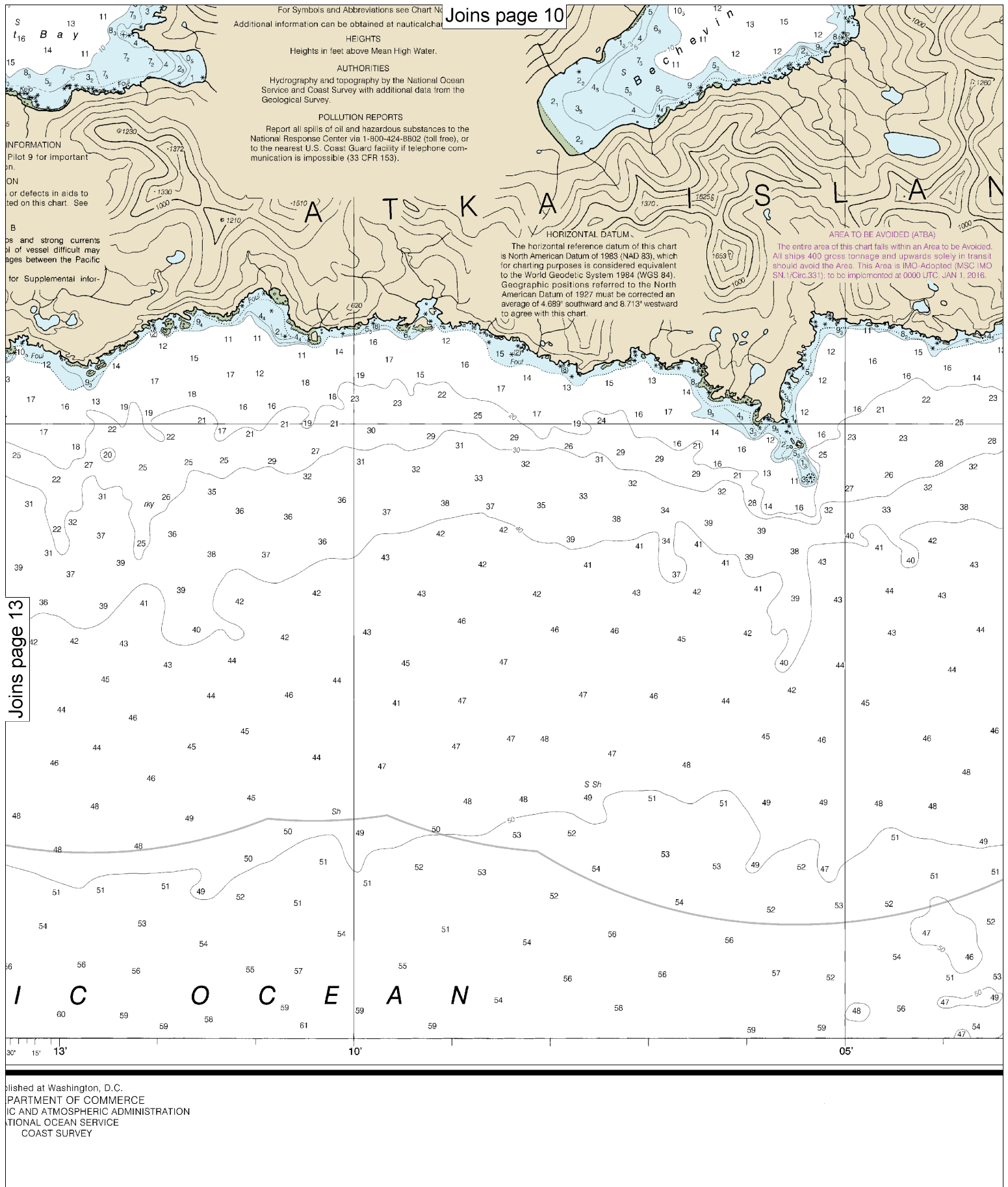
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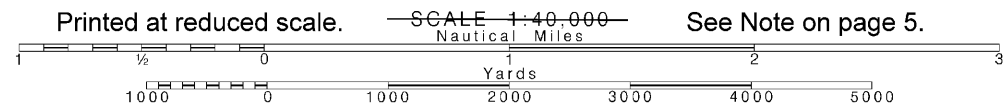
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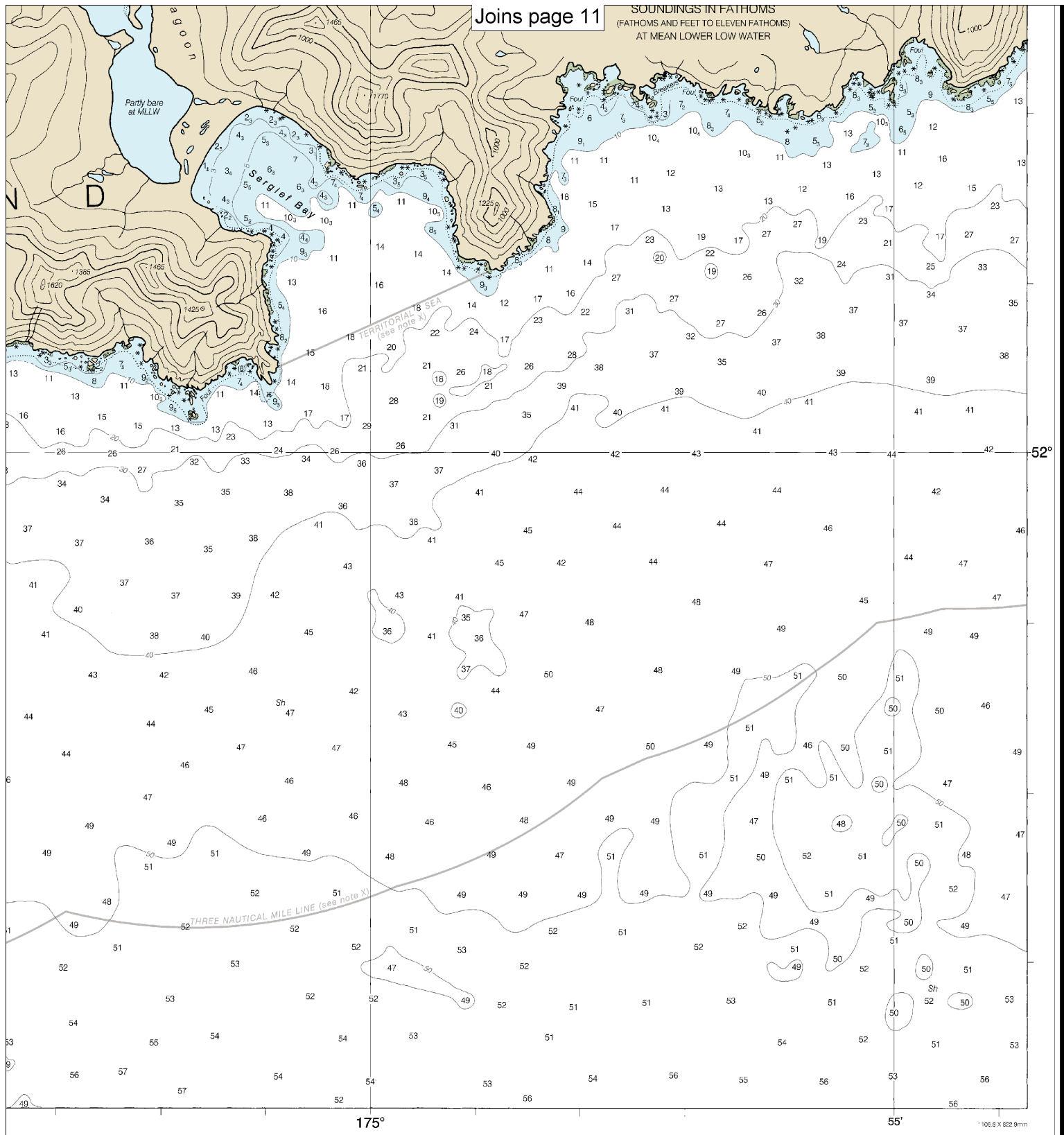
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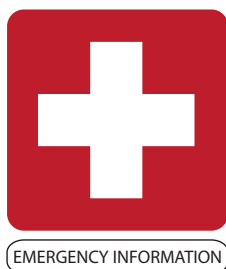




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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

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Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

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- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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